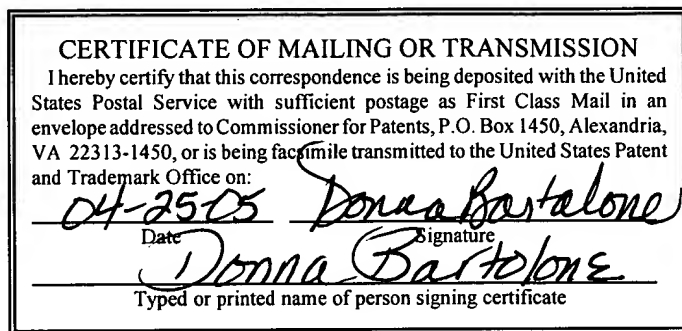


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David A. Brown
Application No.: 09/886,659 Group: 2141
Filed: June 21, 2001 Examiner: Kristie D. Shingles
Confirmation No.: 4746
For: Method and Apparatus For Logically Expanding
The Length Of A Search Key



Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	25	MINUS *	23	2
INDEP	5	MINUS **	5	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

* not fewer than 20

** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$ 100	\$
+	\$ 180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 50	\$ 100
X	\$ 200	\$ 0
+	\$ 360	\$ 0

TOTAL= \$ 100

The Application Size Fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Effective for cases filed on or after December 8, 2004)

Actual Sheets (Including current amendment)	Highest No. of Sheets Paid For (At least 100)	No. of Additional Units Required (Increments of 50 sheets)

SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$125	\$[]

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$250	\$[]

Payment
Sufficient for
up to

[] Sheets

Petition for Extension of Time

- [X] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004 for two month(s) from February 23, 2005 to April 23, 2005. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Petition for [] month Extension of Time	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Claims Fee	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Size Fee	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Fees:		
	_____	\$	_____
	_____	\$	_____
	TOTAL:	\$	<u>0</u>

A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petition for two month Extension of Time	\$	<u>450</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Claims Fee	\$	<u>100</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Size Fee	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Fees:		
	_____	\$	_____
	_____	\$	_____
	TOTAL:	\$	<u>550</u>

☒ Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees that may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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